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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH EGYPTIAN MUSLIM TELEVANGELIST

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Classified By: Counselor for Economic and Political Affairs Catherine Hill-Herndon for reason 1.4 (d).

[1](#)1. Key Points: -- (C) According to Moez Massoud, a rising star among Egyptian Muslim televangelists, Salafists and the Muslim Brotherhood (MB)

[1](#)2. (C) Comment: Massoud is gaining a growing following, at least in Egypt. His views on Islamic tolerance and moderation seem to resonate with

3.(SBU) Massoud is a 31 year old Egyptian Muslim televangelist, part of a new wave of Egyptian Islamic preachers - including Amr Khalid and Khe

4.(C) In a recent meeting, Massoud described his upbringing in a wealthy, secular Muslim Egyptian family. As an undergraduate at the American U

[1](#)5. (C) Massoud described his views on Islam - that it should be seen as an ethical system, influencing but separate from politics, as similar

[1](#)6. (C) Massoud lamented that he and Khalid are among the few voices promoting 'traditional' Islam to Egypt's youth. Instead, young Egyptians,